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ASW-CONFIGURED RESHEF-CLASS PATROL BOAT DURBAN PORT FACILITIES, SOUTH AFRICA (TSR)

1. (TSR) A Reshef-class patrol boat equipped with depth charge racks was observed for the first time [redacted] at the Salisbury Island naval facility within Durban Port Facilities [redacted] South Africa (Figure 1). Salisbury Island naval facility is 1.8 nautical miles (nm) east of Durban Ship Yard Sandock, Ltd [redacted]

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2. (TSR) Because of the speed and maneuverability of the Reshef-class boat, the addition of an antisubmarine warfare (ASW) capability will provide a significant improvement over South Africa's older Ford-class patrol boats, of which three are ASW capable.¹ Additionally, if the ASW version of the Reshef-class boat is also fitted-out with the Gabriel-type missile, the boat would provide a notable deterrent to seaborne infiltration both by surface craft and by submarine. Recently the South African Navy (SAN) appears to be placing great emphasis on defending against seaborne infiltration and on patrolling the waters within the 200-nm economic exclusive zone.

3. (TSR) Five of the six Reshef-class patrol boats now believed to be assigned to the SAN were seen [redacted] and none were equipped with depth charge racks. Five boats were also seen [redacted] and again no depth charge racks were present. Since the sixth boat was still on the buildingway at Sandock on [redacted] it would seem that either the depth charge racks can be readily removed or more than six Reshef-class patrol boats are in the SAN inventory.

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